Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, More than 100,000 Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS, and 1 to 1.5 million Americans may be infected with the virus; and,

WHEREAS, Education is the most important public health tool to fight AIDS and HIV; and,

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with state agencies, local communities, and the private sector, will be conducting many wide ranging education and information programs using governmental leaders, elected officials, entertainment and sports personalities, and people with AIDS; and,

WHEREAS, We must educate people that making the right decisions about behavior could save their lives; and,

WHEREAS, We need to extend compassion, understanding, and help to persons who are living with HIV infection and AIDS:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 1989 as

HIV AND AIDS AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota to encourage public health efforts which can help prevent others from becoming infected with HIV, help our society deal with all the implications of the AIDS epidemic, and help improve the quality of life for those with AIDS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE